

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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RELATED TO ITEM S-2 – BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has reported to the Board that its projected deficit in Fiscal Year 2007-08 will be over \$800 million. A recent audit by the State further confirms the fiscal problems facing DHS.

It is of concern that DHS' practices of providing no cost treatment to all comers serves to exacerbate an already drastic budget crisis. This practice will bankrupt the County's health department and gut the County's ability to provide quality health care services to those it is mandated to serve. Effective October 1, DHS will implement a policy that limits the provision of non-emergency health care services to County residents. Although this a step in the right direction, we need to take it a step further and limit care only to lawful County residents.

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To this end, it is imperative that DHS revise its policy to limit non-emergency health care services to its mandated patient population, as established by California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000 lawful residents.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Health Services to develop a policy which limits non-emergency health care to only lawful County residents and report back in 30 days with a plan on implementing that policy.

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